

THE CHURCH OF  
**SAINT PHILOMENA**  
LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY



Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
"O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish."  
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew 15: 28

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### SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of  
**Ruth and Bob Thompson**  
gift of Diane McHugh.

The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of  
  
gift of .

The Hosts and Wine to be used at the Masses this week  
**Tom McHugh**  
gift of the McHugh and Ippolito Families.

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>**, Saint John Eudes, priest

8:30 AM	Memorial Mass
5:00 PM	Mary and William Lynch

**SUNDAY, August 20<sup>th</sup>**, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

7:30 AM	Rita Ambio
9:00 AM	Edward Donahue
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Thomas Kenney

**MONDAY, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, Saint Pius X, pope

7:00 AM	Michael Kovach
8:30 AM	Sr. Ann Marie Sullivan
12:10 AM	Grace and James Ladolcetta

**TUESDAY, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, The Queenship of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

7:00 AM	Louis Maddalena
8:30 AM	Elena Inez Cuyeg Keng

**WEDNESDAY, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Saint Rose of Lima, virgin

7:00 AM	Anne and Edward McGovern
8:30 AM	Carmine Megaro

**THURSDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, Saint Bartholomew, apostle

7:00 AM	Virginia Tulimiero
8:30 AM	Brendan Devlin

**FRIDAY, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz,  
priest

7:00 AM	Chris Ford
8:30 AM	Alan J. Finn

**SATURDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, Weekday

8:30 AM	Memorial Mass
5:00 PM	Ronald James Bushwell

**SUNDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

7:30 AM	Thomas Kenney
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Deacon Joe Francione
12:00 PM	James Condon

**Memorial Mass, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Deacon Fred Smith

### SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD EACH WEEK



**Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Monday  
immediately following the 12:10 pm Mass and  
concludes at 6:30 pm with the Novena to St.  
Jude. and Benediction.**



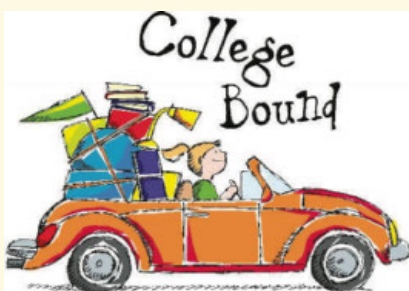
## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

**Feast Day** Last Sunday several hundred parishioners and pilgrims from three states rejoiced as we celebrated the feast day of our own Saint Philomena, virgin and martyr of the early fourth century. Here is a photo (by Steve Pierinelli) of the front of the long line of the faithful, as the procession approached the Shrine on the south side of the Church.



I thank all who took part and all who were present via our live stream. I love your devotion to our patroness.

**Off to college?** As summer wanes and autumn approaches many of our parish families have loved ones who will go off to school and what has traditionally been called “higher learning.” I wax philosophical, or is it my paternal instinct? – and I desire to offer some practical advice, especially to those going to college. I have spent many years of my life on campus as a student and as a priest administrator of our Seminary. As a priest it is my duty and as your pastor, an expression of my love for the sheep of this great flock of Saint Philomena. So here are some thoughts:



It is good and enjoyable to be young. It is also quite difficult at times. That is a fact of life and it is good to learn that if you experience struggle and tough times, that does not mean that you are not blessed. You are simply human, and you are indeed blessed!

Go to school in search of Truth. Listen and evaluate, with good judgment and with Christ as the foundation of your decisions. Others will try to influence your thinking. Yes, a college can be remarkably patronizing, and will often expect you to be a follower of a particular ideology or political agenda, rather than a leader.

Question the “expected” thinking. Have convictions and be judicious in expressing them. Do not seek confrontation. Prudence is an ingredient of wisdom.

To be a leader demands that you be honest with yourself. As Shakespeare put it, “This above all, to thine own self be true.” Your judgments must be good judgments. Remember who and what you are, and as a priest told me in confession several decades ago, “Remember your dignity.” That is a smart three-word bit of advice for all.

Pope Benedict XVI was a very wise man. He said that the human person “is not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.” We must all believe that!

To be a leader, protect your soul. Keep the Catholic Faith and live it. In so doing you will be part of a tiny minority. But you will be in the light of Truth and very close to Jesus. Life is better when lived this way. You will be happier with the Gospel than those who are swept up into the predictable liberal and boring ideologies that thrive on campus. With regard to the Faith, if you seek the truth, then be sure to have the Catechism of the Catholic Church. When you humbly live the Faith your peers will secretly respect you, knowing that they too should live at a higher level. There is nothing that can replace the Sacraments.

Nourish your mind with wisdom and classical truth. This will help you to be reasonable and realistic, not strident and shrill. Think with your mind, not just with AI or websites. Accept nothing that cheapens human life or distorts common sense. Not every ideology is compatible with Christianity. Jesus said that his disciples would meet opposition and endure persecution.

Be a good friend and you will likely have good friends. Practice the art of listening, especially to people with burdens. Ask good questions in class, for questions are at least as important as answers. Never cut a class for any reason. Every single class costs a fortune, so cutting is simply stealing from whomever is paying your tuition.



Nothing good will happen after 10:00 pm. Beware of bad decisions with regard to relationships, substance abuse, and more. Observe the Ten Commandments. Keep them all. Do not violate the sabbath (Third Commandment). Let Sunday be the most joyful day of the week. When one abandons the sabbath, many other sins easily follow. Remember the Fourth, and truly honor and love your parents who are sacrificing to send you to college. Remember the

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## From the Pastor's Desk . . . Continued

Great Commandments of Christ: to love God with all that is in you, and all people as yourself! This is key to a happy, healthy and complete life.

And finally, volunteer at least a couple of hours a week, no matter how busy you are, at a soup kitchen or shelter, hospital or nursing home. This will be formational in a very positive, personal way, and it will be very rewarding.

These few thoughts are offered sincerely. It is a privilege to be in school and the day will come that you miss it. Our young parishioners remain important to us when they are away. Saint Philomena Parish has long arms to embrace our students all over the world.

**Missions** Next weekend our parish will have a guest priest representing the Diocese of Mamfe, Cameroon. Part of my work with the Pontifical Mission Societies involves the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. I assign missionary priests, religious sisters or lay organizations to parishes to make the annual Mission Appeal.



More than any other parish in the Archdiocese, ours is connected to the mission Church. I hope you will consider a generous gift in next weekend's appeal (second collection basket at the doors). Mamfe is a "young" diocese, having been founded only in 1999 by Pope John Paul II. The Bishop of Mamfe, in his letter requesting help, indicates that some of his priests have no place to live, so they stay with families. The Diocese runs several primary and nursery schools, "but the structures are so dilapidated that we are afraid

that some may fall on the children." They are also trying to build a youth center for young people to learn a trade and deepen their faith.

I wouldn't invite them here if this were not a worthy cause. I thank you so much! If you make a donation by check, it should be payable to St. Philomena Church with a notation for the Missions in Cameroon.

~ Msgr. Fuhrman



**"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** She said, **"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Then Jesus said to her in reply, **"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."** And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:26b-28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

## Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING ON AUGUST 20, 2023

The Divine Mercy Candle will burn in memory of  
gift of .

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn in honor of  
**Felicita F. Johnson,**  
gift of her Family.

The Saint Philomena Candle will burn in memory of  
**Andrea F. Kilby,**  
gift of Carol Lynch and Family.

If you would like a Candle to burn in memory of a living or deceased beloved one, please stop by the rectory and make your request. (Cost \$15)



PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY AROUND THE GLOBE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR PARISH:

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

*Diana Bracken, Donald Girrado and Theresa Pirone*

**FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

*AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL  
AND FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS:*

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**The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**  
*Excerpts from the Diary of Saint Faustina*

"Be at peace so long as you do all that is in your power." (Diary 1295)

# Stewardship

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## Reflections on Stewardship

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."*

Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### August 12-13, 2023

Income from Envelopes	\$ 7,258.00
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Gross Income for Parish Expenses **	\$ 7,958.00
Extraordinary Repairs Collection	\$ 5,458.00
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### 2023/2024 Year to Date

Income from Parishioners	\$ 70,890.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 19,975.00

### 2022/2023 Year to Date

Income from Parishioners	\$ 77,043.00
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WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE . . .

### *The Eucharist*

Saturday: 8:30 AM, & 5:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 NN  
Weekdays: 7:00 AM and 12:10 PM (Monday only)  
8:30 AM (Monday to Saturday)

### Live Streamed Masses

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the 9:00 AM Mass will be Live Streamed.

The 8:30 AM daily Mass will be Live Streamed Monday through Saturday. Masses are live streamed via youtube! (and will be shared onto Facebook), search for "The Church of St. Philomena, Livingston, NJ". Mass will also be posted on our website: [www.stphilomena.org](http://www.stphilomena.org).

For those not on Facebook, we now have our official youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0K7GPK2yoUkOwG3fcigqOQ>

### *Eucharistic Adoration:*

Every Monday 12:40 to 6:30 PM

Novena to St. Jude and Benediction 6:30 PM

### *Reconciliation:*

Saturday – 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM or anytime upon request.

### *Ministry to the Sick:*

For those of advanced age and those seriously ill or hospitalized, contact the Rectory. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily home-bound.

### *Marriage:*

Contact the Rectory at least one year before your wedding for ample preparation. Marriage is for a lifetime, not just a day.

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A sign-up sheet to request the Statue is located in the vestibule of the Church. Mary would love to spend this time with you.

## THIS WEEK . . .

### *IN THE PARISH*

### Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM

### Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Masses, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:40—6:30 PM, CH

Novena to St. Jude/Benediction 6:30 PM, CH

### Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Masses, 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM

### Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Masses, 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM

### Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Masses, 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM

### Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Masses, 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM

### Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Masses, 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Men's Ministry 7:00 - 8:30 AM, SJH

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM

Religious Ed. Catechist Training 10:00 AM, SJH

Daly Parish Center - DPC, St. Joseph Hall - SJH, Lounge - LG, Madonna Hall - MH, Church—CH, Parish Meeting Room—PMR.



**The Sacrament of Penance**  
**Saturday at 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM.**

## Word of Life

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

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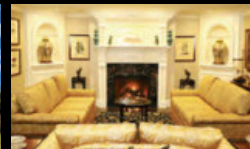
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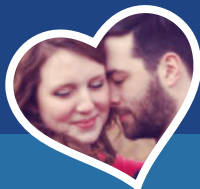
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